

The Global Stocktake NDC Dialogue 2025

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I. Background and Introduction

1. The first global stocktake (GST) concluded at CMA 5, with the adoption of decision 1/CMA.5¹, which requested the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to organize an annual dialogue starting at their sixtieth sessions to **facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices on how the outcomes of the global stocktake are informing the preparation of Parties' next nationally determined contributions in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement**.
2. The first GST NDC dialogue² was held on 6 to 7 June 2024 in conjunction with SB 61 in Bonn, Germany. A summary report³ of the dialogue was published.
3. To prepare for the second GST NDC dialogue, the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), organized virtual informal consultations on 30 April 2025 for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to discuss the organization, topics, and summary report for the second GST NDC dialogue.
4. This information note has been prepared to summarize the proceedings of the consultations and to share information on the second GST NDC dialogue.
5. We welcome engagement by all participants, including Parties and non-Parties stakeholders at the dialogue at SB62. A summary report will be prepared, with support from the secretariat, and made available in advance of CMA 7.

II. Proceedings of informal consultations

6. The informal consultations were co-chaired by Adonia Ayebare, Chair of the SBSTA, and Julia Gardiner, Chair of the SBI and discussed the organization, thematic areas and topics, and the summary report of the second GST NDC dialogue.
7. The following guiding questions were developed by the Chairs and shared prior to the consultations to inform the discussions:
 - (a) What format would best ensure inclusive and effective participation in the second GST NDC dialogue?
 - (b) Which thematic areas and topics should be considered during the second GST NDC dialogue?
 - (c) What should be reflected in the summary report?
8. Interventions were made by 7 groups of Parties, 8 Parties and representatives from 9 observer constituencies.

¹ Decision 1.CMA/5 <https://unfccc.int/documents/637073>

² <https://unfccc.int/event/annual-global-stocktake-dialogue>

³ <https://unfccc.int/documents/641419>

Formats

9. Participants welcomed the dialogue as a shared and open space for collective exchange and emphasized the importance of ensuring its inclusivity and the effective engagement of both Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

10. Participants recommended that the dialogue maintain a plenary format to ensure that all Parties could participate in all sessions. They supported interactive roundtable discussions with presentations from Parties and relevant organizations and recommended a balanced and diverse representation of Parties and international entities to share experiences. Participants also welcomed the use of guiding questions and interactive tools, such as Mentimeter, to facilitate focused and efficient exchanges. Some participants further proposed to make use of breakout discussions to enable technical exchanges with experts on specific topics.

11. Participants supported efforts to ensure the openness and accessibility of the dialogue and suggested a hybrid format and webcast to enable broader participation, particularly by experts involved in domestic NDC preparation and implementation. Some participants also recommended effective participation of civil society and high-level representatives.

Thematic areas and topics

12. Participants emphasized that the dialogue should align with its mandate in paragraph 187 of decision 1/CMA.5 and focus on knowledge and good practices on how the GST outcomes are informing Parties' NDCs. Participants supported a constructive and facilitative exchange and mutual learning on NDC preparation and updating, through the sharing of experiences on national policies, technical processes, methodologies, and challenges related to the preparation and updating of NDCs, including from both Parties that have submitted and those that have not yet submitted their new NDCs.

13. Participants recommended that the dialogue include sharing experience of policies and measures underpinning NDC implementation, and foster exchanges on opportunities to bridge the NDC ambition and implementation gap. Participants expect the dialogue to provide space to assess the availability and adequacy of support for NDC formulation and implementation and to identify barriers, gaps and enabling needs in finance, technology, and capacity-building.

14. Participants supported the dialogue covering all thematic areas in the first GST outcome in a balanced manner, including mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation, as well as loss and damage, response measures, and international cooperation. Participants encouraged exchanges on how Parties are addressing cross-cutting elements in NDCs, such as equity, science, gender, sustainable development, and economic diversification.

15. Some participants recommended including discussions on how Parties are interpreting, planning, and implementing GST outcomes including on energy transition, deforestation, ecosystems, sustainable lifestyles, adaptation, and finance. Other participants suggested that the dialogue should focus on sharing Parties' domestic experiences and practices in NDC preparation, informed by the GST outcomes and aligned with national circumstances, without singling out or assessing specific paragraphs in decision 1/CMA.5.

Summary report

16. Participants expressed divergent views regarding the content of the summary report of the dialogue. Some participants emphasized that the summary report should be a factual summary of the discussions, reflecting the knowledge, experiences, and good practices shared during the dialogue.

17. Other participants recommended that the report features a synthesis of key messages emerging from the discussions, including highlights of good practices and

experiences, challenges, and barriers, as well as recommendations and opportunities related to preparation and implementation of NDCs. Accordingly, some participants proposed that the GST NDC dialogue summary report be considered alongside the annual NDC Synthesis Report, as a reference for the broad range of actors involved in NDC preparation and implementation.

Frequency of the dialogue and synergies with other processes

18. Regarding the frequency of the dialogue, some participants supported the continuation of the GST NDC dialogue to ensure a space to sharing knowledge and practices on NDCs implementation and ambition; other participants expressed the view that the dialogue should conclude in 2025, as Parties will have submitted their new NDCs informed by the outcome of the first GST.

19. Some participants proposed the continuation of the expert dialogue on mountains and climate change and the expert dialogue on children and climate change, as established in paragraphs 181 and 182 of decision 1/CMA.5, as part of the GST NDC dialogue. Some participants expressed the expectation that the Troika of Presidencies provide an update on progress related to the “Roadmap to Mission 1.5” and convene a political dialogue to gather views on enhancing international cooperation to address implementation gaps and the needs of developing countries.

III. Organization of the second GST NDC dialogue

20. The second GST NDC dialogue will be held from 19 to 20 June 2025 in conjunction with SB 62. The dialogue will be conducted in plenary format and consist of an opening segment, two round table discussions and a closing segment. The opening session will set the scene for the dialogue and provide information and updates from relevant workstreams and NDC related initiatives. The two roundtables will discuss how the GST outcome is informing the updating, preparation and implementation of NDCs across all thematic areas while integrating cross-cutting elements.

21. The dialogue will be conducted under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and will be open to all Parties and non-Party stakeholders. The dialogue will be webcast live on the UNFCCC website.

(a) Opening segment

22. The Chairs of subsidiary bodies will open the session by sharing their perspectives on the dialogue’s objectives, modalities and expected outcomes. The Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and representatives of the Troika will also be invited to deliver remarks. Relevant workstreams under the constituted bodies will also be welcomed to provide background information and updates on GST and NDC related initiatives and events.

(b) Roundtable discussions

23. The two roundtable discussions will be led by presentations from experts, Parties and key stakeholders, and followed by interventions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders. The discussions will facilitate sharing of knowledge, information and experiences on how the outcomes of the first GST are informing the preparation and updating of NDCs. The discussion will also provide a platform to exchange good practices, challenges and opportunities related to NDC implementation and international cooperation to enable scaling up ambition and accelerating actions.

Roundtable 1: Integrating GST outcomes into the preparation of NDCs

24. This session will be dedicated to sharing information, practices, and experiences related to the preparation and updating of NDCs, and considering how the first GST outcomes are informing Parties’ NDCs across all thematic areas. The

discussion will also consider cross-cutting elements and encourage sharing practices on how NDCs incorporate global commitments in decision 1/CMA.5, to scale up mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation. Guiding questions include:

Mitigation

- How can the outcomes of the first GST inform planning, updating, and development of Parties' NDCs, to align with their long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and the Paris Agreement temperature goal?

Adaptation and loss and damage

- How are Parties addressing adaptation in their NDCs, and how can NDCs be used to strengthen adaptation action, for example by considering co-benefits between mitigation and adaptation actions?
- What experiences can countries share on addressing loss and damage in their NDCs?

Means of implementation

- What are good practices and experiences in enhancing access to and utilization of support, including finance, capacity building, and technology development and transfer?

Cross-cutting elements

- How are Parties reflecting the best available science in their NDC preparation process?
- How are equity, gender equality, just transition, sustainable development and other cross-cutting elements being considered in the NDC preparation process?
- How are Parties implementing multi-stakeholder engagement in the NDC preparation process?

Roundtable 2: Advancing NDC implementation and enabling environment

25. This session will focus on the exchange of experiences, lessons and practices related to policies and measures for NDC implementation, bearing in mind diverse national and regional circumstances and the outcomes of the first global stocktake. The discussion will provide a space to identify support needs for NDC updating and implementation, particularly for developing country Parties, as well as enabling policies, technologies and mechanisms to support achievement of the global goals through NDCs. The discussion will also consider experiences and opportunities for further international cooperation among Parties and with all stakeholders to enhance NDC ambition and implementation. Guiding questions include:

Domestic plans and efforts

- What are the experiences and good practices in developing national plans for NDC implementation, including mechanisms to track implementation progress?
- How are Parties leveraging their NDCs to promote economic diversification and growth, including through implementation and investment plans and aligning with broader national development strategies?

Enabling conditions and international cooperation

- What are the key challenges, barriers, gaps and enablers for updating and effectively implementing NDCs, particularly in relation to investment, technology, and capacity building?
- What are some examples of opportunities for international cooperation to promote ambition on mitigation, adaptation, and means of implementation?

(c) Closing segment

26. The closing segment will include reflections by the SB Chairs and the incoming COP Presidency on the dialogue.

IV. Draft Agenda

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Segment</i>	<i>Description of session</i>	<i>Moderator/Facilitator</i>
Day 1 19 June 2025	Opening segment	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SBI Chair - SBSTA Chair - UNFCCC Executive Secretary Remarks by Troika of Presidencies. Update from relevant GST and NDC related workstreams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFCCC secretariat 	SB Chairs
	Roundtable 1: Integrating first GST outcome into the preparation of NDCs	Information, lessons, and experiences on updating NDC with integrating GST outcomes across all thematic areas and integrating cross-cutting elements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations from Parties and experts. - Discussion through mentimeter. - Interventions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders. 	Facilitators
Day 2 20 June 2025	Roundtable 2: Advancing NDC implementation and enabling environment	Experiences and practices on domestic efforts on NDCs implementation; challenges and opportunities to enhance enable conditions and international cooperation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations from Parties and experts. - Discussion through mentimeter. - Interventions from Parties and non-Party stakeholders. 	Facilitators
	Closing segment	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SB Chairs - COP30 Presidency 	SB chairs